

# MEMO

---

**Date:** August 17, 2006  
**To:** Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
**From:** Yu-Ying Chu, System Metrics Group, Inc.  
213-382-6875, Yuying\_Chu@sysmetgroup.com  
**Subject:** SCAG Regional Activities Relevant to RTP Development - **UPDATED**

---

The following tables present a summary of the SCAG Regional Council as well as SCAG committees, sub-committees, advisory committees, and task forces relevant to the development of the RTP.

The table has three columns. The first column identifies the task force or committee. If available, a related website is provided. This column also gives the SCAG contact person for that committee.

The second column is a brief overview of the task force activities from the last meeting for which minutes are available. Note that this is only a brief paraphrasing of the minutes provided by System Metrics Group, Inc. It does not represent the entirety of the minutes from that meeting. Many routine items are not mentioned in this overview (e.g., Approval of prior meeting minutes, list of attendees). If an item is of interest to any member of this TAC, SCAG staff will be pleased to provide a copy of the minutes.

The third column lists the proposed agenda items for the next task force meeting. It also includes the proposed date, time, and location of the next meeting.

## SCAG 2006 PLANS & PROGRAMS TAC

### Task Force Activity Updates

Committee/Task Force	Overview of Minutes of Last Meeting	Agenda for Subsequent Meeting
<p><b>Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)</b></p> <p>Website &amp; Meeting Minutes/Agendas:  <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/tcc.htm">http://www.scag.ca.gov/committees/tcc.htm</a></p> <p>SCAG Contact: Cathy Alvarado  Contact Email: <a href="mailto:alvarado@scag.ca.gov">alvarado@scag.ca.gov</a>  Contact Phone: (213) 236-1896</p>	<p><b>June 1, 2006 MEETING MINUTES</b></p> <p><u>ACTION ITEMS</u></p> <p><b>2004 RTP Update Strategy/SAFETEA-LU Compliance</b>  Rich Macias, SCAG, stated that SCAG is updating the RTP in compliance with SAFETEA-LU's four-year cycle, however, an issue arises when the four-year cycle is implemented pertaining to air quality conformance in which SCAG staff has determined that this would create an unacceptable risk to the transportation commissions that may result in possible losses of federal transportation funds.  The report presents SCAG's proposed approach to the 2007/08 RTP update which would allow the region maximum flexibility in developing the next RTP while maintaining the transportation conformity on the current plan and the necessary flexibility to implement it to the extent possible. Mr. Macias presented four options that could help the region minimize the adverse impact of the potential amendment restrictions. Staff will not be adding new projects to the RTP, it will only be reformatting and inserting some new chapters to the plan. There is no issue regarding financial constraint or air quality conformity.  <i>Recommended Action:</i> Support</p> <p><b>Draft 2004 RTP Amendment – Omnitrans sbX Project</b>  Philip Law, SCAG, presented the proposal to add a bus rapid transit project, sbX FOR San Bernardino Express to the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan. Staff recommends that the Draft 2004 RTP Amendment and EIR Addendum be released for a 30-day public review.  <i>Recommended Action:</i> Support</p> <p><b>Draft 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)</b>  Rich Macias, SCAG, gave a presentation on the Draft 2006 RTIP. Staff has completed 60% of the Draft RTIP and estimated that the final draft would be done in two weeks. Staff recommended to release the Draft 2006 RTIP for public review and comments.</p>	<p>September 14, 2006, 10:00am – 11:45am  SCAG Offices, Riverside B</p> <p>AGENDA FOR MEETING NOT AVAILABLE</p>

Committee/Task Force	Overview of Minutes of Last Meeting	Agenda for Subsequent Meeting
	<p><i>Recommended Action:</i> Support</p> <p><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>  <b>Infrastructure Bond &amp; Trailer Bill Summary and Presentation</b>  Don Rhodes, SCAG, stated that the legislature had finally come to an agreement and passed a package of \$37.3 billion dollars worth of bonds which will be on the November ballot. The bond measure is broken down into four separate bonds in the following amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$19.9 billion for transportation (SB 1266)</li> <li>• \$2.6 billion for housing (SB 1689)</li> <li>• \$10.4 billion for education (AB 127)</li> <li>• \$4 billion for flood protection (AB 140)</li> </ul> <p><b>July 6, 2006 MEETING MINUTES</b></p> <p><u>ACTION ITEMS</u>  <b>2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)</b>  SCAG as the MPO must develop and submit to the State its 2006 RTIP in August 2006.  <i>Recommended Action:</i> Approve the Draft 2006 RTIP and associated transportation conformity determination, and also recommend to the Regional Council that it delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the final 2006 RTIP and associated transportation conformity determination.</p> <p><b>Delegation of Authority to Executive Committee to Adopt the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment</b>  On June 1, 2006, the TTC released the Draft Amendment for a 30-day public review. The final document, including responses to comments, will not be completed until August. However, the Regional Council and Policy Committees will not meet in August.  <i>Recommended Action:</i> Approve the Draft 2004 RTP, and also recommend to the Regional Council that it delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the final 2006 RTIP and associated transportation conformity</p>	

**SCAG Plans & Programs TAC Task Force Activity and Committee Meeting Updates (Continued)**

Committee/Task Force	Overview of Minutes of Last Meeting	Agenda for Subsequent Meeting
	<p>determination.</p> <p><b>Resolution Regarding the 710 Gap Closure Tunnel Alternative</b>                      Resolution to support continued planning for the completion of the 710 Gap Closure using the Tunnel Alternative.  <i>Recommended Action:</i> Approve Resolution.</p>	
<p><b>Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC)</b></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/aviation">http://www.scag.ca.gov/aviation</a></p> <p>SCAG Contact: Mike Armstrong                      Contact Email: <a href="mailto:armstron@scag.ca.gov">armstron@scag.ca.gov</a>                      Contact Phone: (213) 236-1914</p>	<p>MEETING MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING AGENDA NOT AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>Modeling Task Force</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/modeling/mtf/">http://www.scag.ca.gov/modeling/mtf/</a></p> <p>SCAG Contact: Mike Ainsworth                      Contact Email: <a href="mailto:ainswort@scag.ca.gov">ainswort@scag.ca.gov</a>                      Contact Phone: (213) 236-1947</p>	<p><b>May 24, 2006</b></p> <p>MEETING MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE</p> <p><b>July 26, 2006</b></p> <p>MEETING CANCELLED</p>	<p>September 27, 2006, 9:30am – 11:30am                      SCAG Offices, Riverside A</p> <p>MEETING AGENDA NOT AVAILABLE</p>

Committee/Task Force	Overview of Minutes of Last Meeting	Agenda for Subsequent Meeting
<p><b>Transportation Finance Task Force</b></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/transportation%2Dfinance/tfff.htm">http://www.scag.ca.gov/transportation%2Dfinance/tfff.htm</a></p> <p>SCAG Contacts:                      Annie Nam                      Joseph Alcock                      Contact Emails:  <a href="mailto:nam@scag.ca.gov">nam@scag.ca.gov</a>  <a href="mailto:alcock@scag.ca.gov">alcock@scag.ca.gov</a>                      Contact Phones:                      (213) 236-1827                      (213) 236-1848</p>	<p><b>June 14, 2006</b></p> <p>MEETING MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</p>
<p><b>MagLev Task Force</b></p> <p>Websites:  <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/maglev.htm">www.scag.ca.gov/maglev.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.calmaglev.org">www.calmaglev.org</a></p> <p>SCAG Contact: Philip Law                      Contact Email: <a href="mailto:law@scag.ca.gov">law@scag.ca.gov</a>                      Contact Phone: (213) 236-1841</p>	<p><b>May 11, 2006 MEETING MINUTES</b></p> <p><u>ACTION ITEMS</u>                      There were no action items.</p> <p><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>  <b>Results of Alignment Design</b>                      David Chow, IBI Group, provided an update on the results of the alignment design for the Preliminary Engineering work on the Initial Operating Segment (IOS). Marc Cooley, IBI Group, described the three potential alignment options, various guideway structures that would be needed in different sections, tunnel options, and design speed considerations and constraints specific to each alignment. The average speed is comparable for each alignment option. Cost figures will be provided in an upcoming presentation.</p> <p><b>High-Speed Ground Access System Design Kickoff</b>                      David Chow, IBI Group, introduced the work plan, team, and</p>	<p>October 12, 2006 - 10:00am – 12:00pm                      SCAG Offices, Riverside B</p> <p>MEETING AGENDA NOT AVAILABLE</p>

**SCAG Plans & Programs TAC Task Force Activity and Committee Meeting Updates (Continued)**

Committee/Task Force	Overview of Minutes of Last Meeting	Agenda for Subsequent Meeting
	<p>schedule for the High-Speed Ground Access System Design.</p> <p><b>High-Speed Transit Joint Powers Authority (JPA)</b> Zahi Faranesh provided an information update on the recent recommendation made by the Transportation Committee of the City of Los Angeles to prepare a draft document for a Joint Powers Authority for a high speed ground transit system. The Los Angeles City Council will take action on this recommendation.</p> <p><b>Update on Shanghai Maglev Trip</b> Zahi Faranesh provided an update on the Shanghai Maglev Trip. Mr. Greig Smith noted that the new date for the trip is July 19.</p> <p><b>June 8, 2006 MEETING MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>July 13, 2006 MEETING MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>August 10, 2006 MEETING CANCELLED</b></p> <p><b>September 14, 2006 MEETING CANCELLED</b></p>	
<p><b>Aviation Task Force</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/aviation">www.scag.ca.gov/aviation</a></p> <p>SCAG Contact: Mike Armstrong Contact Email: <a href="mailto:armstron@scag.ca.gov">armstron@scag.ca.gov</a> Contact Phone: (213) 236-1914 Or Alan Thompson Contact Email: <a href="mailto:Thompson@scag.ca.gov">Thompson@scag.ca.gov</a> Contact Phone: (213) 236-1940</p>	<p>MEETING MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE</p>	<p>July 27, 2006 - 10:00am – 12:00pm SCAG Offices, San Bernardino A&amp;B Conference Room</p> <p><u>ACTION ITEMS</u> <b>New 2030 Aviation Scenarios</b> <i>Recommended Action:</i> Approve scenarios for modeling.</p> <p><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update on San Diego Airport Site Selection</li> <li>2. Overview of Regional Aviation Demand Allocation Model (RADAM)</li> <li>3. Update on Regional Airport Management Implementation Study</li> </ol>

**SCAG Plans & Programs TAC Task Force Activity and Committee Meeting Updates (Continued)**

Committee/Task Force	Overview of Minutes of Last Meeting	Agenda for Subsequent Meeting
<p><b>Goods Movement Advisory Committee (GMAC)</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/goodsmove/">www.scag.ca.gov/goodsmove/</a></p> <p>SCAG Contact: Danny Wu Contact Email: <a href="mailto:wu@scag.ca.gov">wu@scag.ca.gov</a> Contact Phone: (213) 236-1930</p>	<p><b>June 21, 2006</b></p> <p>MEETING MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE</p> <p><b>July 19, 2006 MEETING CANCELLED</b></p> <p><b>August 16, 2006 MEETING CANCELLED</b></p>	<p>September 20, 2006 - 9:00am-11:00am SCAG Offices, Downtown Los Angeles</p> <p>AGENDA FOR MEETING NOT AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>Regional Transit Task Force (RTTF)</b></p> <p>SCAG Contact: Jeremy Bailey Contact Email: <a href="mailto:bailey@scag.ca.gov">bailey@scag.ca.gov</a> Contact Phone: (213) 236-1867</p>	<p><b>July 19, 2006</b></p> <p><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></p> <p><b>Compass 2% Strategy Update</b> Mark Butala, SCAG, gave an overview of the Compass Blueprint Program current progress and plans for the upcoming year. Mr. Butala stated that there are four Suite of Services available to the regions local governments: LA Lots, Tipping Point Analysis, Photoshop, and Google Earth.</p> <p><b>MTA Transit Projects Update</b> Doug Kim updated the committee on the MTA Plan. MTA is currently working with SCAG's legal staff on finalizing a draft of the Transit Operator Agreement and will then bring it back to the RTTF.</p> <p><b>SAFETEA-LU JARC/New Freedom Update</b> Jeremy Bailey, updated the committee on the SAFETEA-LU JARC/New Freedom. LAMTA, OCTA, and VCTC have opted to become their own Designated Recipients for these programs while RCTC and SANDBAG will have SCAG remain the Designated Recipient.</p> <p><b>Update on Transit Operator Agreement</b> SCAG is in the process of drafting an agreement for Riverside County. Staff is in the process of meeting with SCAG's legal staff and OCTA to finalize some minor</p>	<p>September 20, 2006 – 10:00am-12:00pm SCAG Offices, Downtown Los Angeles</p>

**SCAG Plans & Programs TAC Task Force Activity and Committee Meeting Updates (Continued)**

Committee/Task Force	Overview of Minutes of Last Meeting	Agenda for Subsequent Meeting
	<p>changes that are being made to the agreement based on the last set of comments SCAG received. SCAG also received comments from MTA on the LA County agreement, which is currently being reviewed by staff.</p> <p><b>Transit Model Update</b> Item was postponed until the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Transportation Conformity Working Group Interagency Consultation</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/">http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/</a></p> <p>SCAG Contact: Jonathan Nadler Contact Email: <a href="mailto:nadler@scag.ca.gov">nadler@scag.ca.gov</a> Contact Phone: (213) 236-1884</p>	<p><b>June 27, 2006</b></p> <p><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></p> <p><b>RTIP Update</b> Staff has concluded its analysis of the 2006 RTIP and it is now posted on SCAG's website. The 30 day public review began on June 26<sup>th</sup> and will end on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing is scheduled for June 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the SCAG office.</p> <p><b>TCM Update</b> Staff has analyzed the TCMs for all of the counties. One pending issue to be resolved concerns a substitution proposed by MTA for the replacement for the Thompson Creek Bicycle Trail. Staff plans to resolve this issue during the public review period.</p> <p>All of the TCM lists will be posted on SCAG's website as part of the RTIP.</p> <p><b>RTP Update</b> Staff went to the Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) last month to get approval on how staff recommends moving forward with the RTP process. Staff has a two-prong approach: 1) prepare a "Gap Analysis" to bring the 2004 RTP into compliance with the provisions of SAFETEA-LU, and 2) continue working towards a full update of the 2007 RTP. SCAG's current schedule is to adopt the next RTP in December 2007. If the Gap Analysis is approved, however, then SCAG can take advantage of the full four year RTP cycle.</p>	<p>August 22, 2006, 10:00am -12:00pm SCAG Offices, Downtown Los Angeles</p> <p>AGENDA FOR MEETING NOT AVAILABLE</p>



**SCAG Plans & Programs TAC Task Force Activity and Committee Meeting Updates (Continued)**

<b>Committee/Task Force</b>	<b>Overview of Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda for Subsequent Meeting</b>
	<p><b>SAFETEA-LU Earmark Project on I-5</b>  Steve Novotny, Caltrans District 7, gave a presentation of the I-5 HOV and truck lane project. The project report and environmental document is scheduled to be completed by June 2008, design to be completed in January 2010, and construction to be completed by June 2013.</p> <p><b>AQMP Update</b>  The SCAQMD is reviewing some of the strategies that were identified at the Air Quality Summit held in June as well as looking at additional emission reduction strategies that will be reviewed internally. The SCAQMD is still working on the emission inventories and has a target date of October 2006 for the release of the draft AQMP.</p> <p><b>Interagency Review of Projects: PM Hot Spot Analysis</b>  Twenty-two interagency review forms and associated information were submitted for TCWG review to determine whether or not they are “projects for air quality concern” (POAQC) for project-level conformity purposes. Time constraints precluded review of three of the projects. Future submittals will be reviewed by the TCWG on a first-come-first-serve basis.</p> <p><b>July 25, 2006 MEETING MINUTES NOT AVAILABLE</b></p>	